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Customs runs after Tohs but admits no solid proof



By Armand N. Nocum and Cynthia D. Balana

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS have started to rearm the hunters on suspected big-time smugglers said to have links to First Gentleman Mike Arroyo

CUSTOMS/A6

2 Filipinos 'admitted' Saudi slays, says DFA

By Veh Contreras

TWO FILIPINOS ARRESTED IN JEDDAH, SAUDI Arabia, have "admitted" to killing three of their six compatriots who were earlier reported missing and whose disappearance coincided with the discovery of chopped-up body parts two weeks ago.

The Department of Foreign Affairs last night said the two prime suspects implicated two more

FILIPINOS/A20

SC strikes down EO 464

Senators praise justices, claim win

By TJ Burgonio

PRAISE FROM THE SENATE YESTERday greeted the Supreme Court's ruling upholding Congress' right to compel the appearance of executive officials at its inquiries.

Senators who had locked horns with Malacañang over controversial Executive Order No. 464 of President Macapagal-Arroyo hailed the ruling as a sign of a working democracy and an independent judiciary.

They said it was both a vindication of the Senate, which had petitioned the high court to declare the order unconstitutional, and a slap on the Arroyo administration, which enforced it on Sept. 28, 2005.

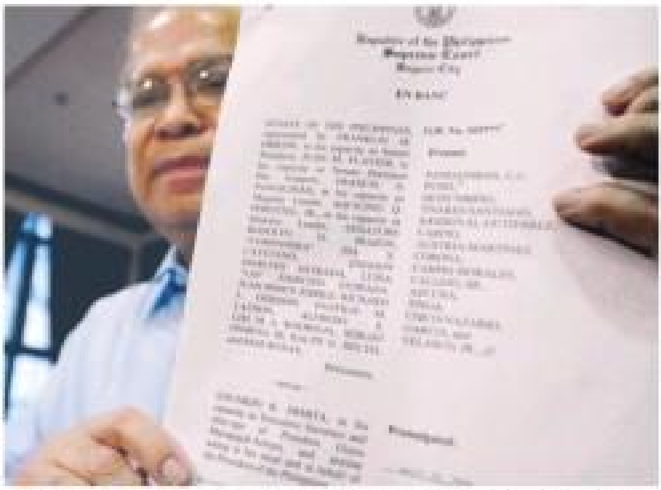
Members of the House majority said the ruling proved that democracy was at work in the country, and called on Malacañang to promptly abide by it.

Militant groups said it compensated for the purported negative impact of the tribunal's ruling on Wednesday upholding the unified identification card system being pushed by Malacañang.

But later, Sandakan described it as a "pyrrhic victory."

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, chair of the national defense committee inquiring into the "Hello Garci" wiretapping scandal, bluntly said: "I consider this a reprimand for the hasty adoption of controversial policies by the executive department."

SENATORS/A6



ISMAEL Khan, chief of the public information office of the Supreme Court, shows a copy of the high court decision declaring Executive Order No. 464 unconstitutional.

High court votes 14-0 to uphold solons' right

By Armand N. Nocum and Christine O. Avendaño

THE SUPREME COURT YESterday upheld the right of lawmakers to compel the appearance of executive officials at congressional inquiries, and stressed that the issue involving Executive Order No. 464 pertained not only to Congress' right to know but also the people's right to take part in government affairs.

The tribunal voted 14-0. Associate Justice Reynato Puno is on leave.

But it declared constitutional President Macapagal-Arroyo's right to bar executive officials from appearing during the question hour in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

For over six months, the order barring the appearance of department heads and other officials of the executive branch at congressional investigations without the President's approval had put Malacañang on a collision course with the Senate.

For the full text of the decision, go to www.inq7.net/verbatim/sc_eo_464.pdf

It had been a major flash point for verbal skirmishes between the two independent, but supposedly collaborative, bodies.

EO 464 had been casually invoked by even low-ranking Cabinet and military officials in order to evade the Senate inquiries into the "Hello Garci" wiretapping scandal, the alleged P728-million fertilizer scam, the supposed overpriced $503-million Northrail project and Proclamation No. 1017, among other controversial issues.

The order was issued on the day then

SC STRIKES/A8

First 'casualties' of gag order feel vindicated

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE FIRST "CASUALTIES" OF MALAcañang's gag order, otherwise known as Executive Order No. 464, welcomed the ruling of the Supreme Court.

Retired Marine Brig. Gen. Francisco Gudani and Lt. Col. Alexander Balutan, who are facing court-martial for defying Executive Order No. 464 when they testified at a Senate inquiry into the "Hello Garci" scandal on Sept. 28, 2005, felt vindicated by the high court's ruling.

The scandal stemmed from wiretapped telephone conversations in which President Macapagal-Arroyo allegedly directed former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano to rig the 2004 presidential election in her favor. Ms Arroyo has denied any wrongdoing.

The lawyer of Gudani and Balutan said the Supreme Court affirmed their contention that EO 464 was illegal.

Malacañang issued EO 464 last Sept. 28 to preempt the testimonies of a number of military officials who had been summoned by the Senate earlier that day.

While the top brass obeyed Ms Arroyo's verbal order to disregard the Sen-

FIRST/A6

Rejection warning to Palace adventurists

By Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.

COMMENTARY

MALACAÑANG APOLOGISTS HAD been singing "executive privilege" like a mantra.

Knowing some of them to be intelligent people, I really don't think I should believe that they believed what they were singing. The brazenness of Executive Order No. 464 was so obvious that even first year students in my Constitutional Law class could already detect its fatal flaws.

The President, who is not a lawyer, was ill served by her advisers. For her own sake and for the sake of the nation, the President needs counselors who can stand up to dispute even her most strongly held convictions.

Lawyers throughout the country, on hearing about the Supreme Court decision, must have heaved a collective sigh of relief. After hearing or reading about the oral arguments before the Supreme Court, legal observers were awaiting, almost with bated breath, how the Court would resolve this major challenge from the executive department against separation

REJECTION/A6



PHOTOS: Coconut oil, tuba

Stove fueled by 'tuba-tuba' launched in Leyte

By Vicente S. Labro
PDI Visayas Bureau

BAYBAY, LEYTE—AN ENVIRONment-friendly cooking stove that uses coconut oil and other plant oils like those from the "tuba-tuba" or Jatropha is now being sold in Leyte.

The stove, called Protos, resembles a kerosene pressure stove and can also use kerosene. But its manufacturer, Bosch and Siemens Home Appliances Group (BSH), is pushing for the use of plant oils, which are cheap and environmentally friendly.

"The plant oil stove is easy to operate and offers a very safe cooking environment because plant oil can neither burn nor explode," said Dr. Elmar Stumpf, BSH plant oil stove project manager.

Sixto Bolaga, 56, a resident of Baybay town and a user of the plant

STOVE/A20

Palace orders implementation of ID system

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO YESterday ordered the immediate implementation of the national identification card system a day after the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the project.

Malacañang executives want a national ID to be a mandatory requirement in all government transactions and will encourage the private sector to require the same.

"President Arroyo has given the go-signal to the Cabinet to get the ID system in one form or another and this is the way we can keep up with the rest of the world," said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye.

Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Defensor said the ID system would be up and running in a few months. He said the National Economic and Development Authority, which would oversee the project, had been given less than 30 days to come up with its timetable.

While Defensor said the databases of both the Social Security System and Government Service and Insurance System would simply be merged, Neda chief Romulo Neri said the national ID system would include data from the Commission on Elections and PhilHealth.

Defensor explained that the goal was to synchronize all state-issued IDs with all citizens expected to have one

PALACE ORDERS/A20

Fil-Am starts LIFE, vows to plant 1M trees

By Blanche S. Rivera

SO MANY PEOPLE ASK A LOT OF QUEStions and still end up without answers. One man, a Filipino-American, asked one question and found the path to life.

All Bienvenido Eusebio, 78, wanted to know three years ago was: "Are we being good stewards of God's creation?"

That one question brought him back home to the Philippines after 10 years in Indonesia and 30 years in the United States to launch the La Sallian Institute for the Environment (LIFE).

LIFE, an institute with only five staff members, is now all set to plant a million trees that could spell the difference for the country's rapidly disappearing forests.

Eusebio, LIFE's volunteer executive director, will offer up a certificate bearing LIFE's pledge during a Mass by Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales to launch the Earth Day celebration at the former Smokey Mountain dump in Tondo, Manila, tomorrow.

De La Salle Philippines, through LIFE, has committed to plant a million trees by 2011, the educational institution's centennial anniversary in the country. The planting season starts in June.

"This can't happen overnight ... but we think this is possible if everyone plants," said Eusebio, citing La Salle's more than 100,000 alumni and 50,000 students.

FIL-AM/A11



BIENVENIDO Eusebio (second from left) poses with LIFE staff and barangay officials in Lumban, Laguna. Behind them is Wawa Lake.

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Senators back GMA bid vs death penalty



UNBURNED BOOTS

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S MOVE TO ASK CONGRESS to pass a law to abolish the death penalty has gained the support of Senate leaders, even her most vehement critics.

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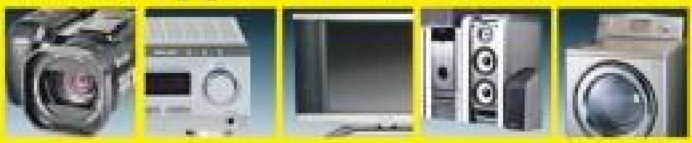

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Erap contradicted self in trial, Chavit claims

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Gonzalez playing God, say women's advocates

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Bishop slammed for apology to Erap

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Delays in signature checks seen

By Jerome Aning

Namfrel nominates 3 to Comelec

By Jerome Aning

Ailing Beltran headed for Heart Center



BELTRAN

House bill seeks to widen scope of Sotto law

'Padrinos' blamed for delay in 2 Customs revamps

By Leila B. Salaverria

POLITICIANS WHO WERE the "padrinos and ninongs" (godfathers) of certain Bureau of Customs officials were behind the postponement of two reshuffles at the BOC early this month, Commissioner Napoleon Morales admitted yesterday.

Morales said Finance Secretary Margarito Teves had ordered the reshuffles in March to be implemented in April but these were held in abeyance for unexplained reasons.

In an interview at the Department of Justice, Morales said the BOC was "highly politicized," thus, Teves had suggested the bureau document the performance of the officials concerned in order to justify their transfers to their politician-backers.

"You know, customs is really highly politicized. They have their own backers. So Secretary Teves is saying that we just document [their performance] so that we can give these to their padrinos and ninongs," said Morales.

He said the backers included congressmen, and that lobbying on behalf of their protégés could not be avoided at the bureau.

"Well, we can't avoid that in customs. You know, customs is a celebrated agency of the government. So we will give them the black and white. What I'm saying is... the lateral attrition law is now in effect. If you do not perform you have to go," Morales said.

He said the Lateral Attrition Law prescribes penalties for BOC and Bureau of Internal Revenue personnel who do not do their jobs well.

Teves had issued the first reshuffle order affecting five customs officers who were presidential appointees. The second order was issued by Morales and affected 20 officials around the country.

Morales said he was waiting for Teves to return from an overseas trip at the end of the month before deciding what to do about the postponed revamp.

Sinait Int'l to conduct medical mission

THE SINAITENIANS International will conduct a three-day medical-dental mission in Sinait, Ilocos Sur this month.

Sinaitenians International president Ronnie Salvador said at least 20 doctors, nurses and dentists belonging to Sinaitenians International have flown in from the US to participate in the project to be held on April 26, 27 and 28. The project is being undertaken with the support of the Philippine Dental Association Ilocos Sur and Candelaria chapters.

The group, which is composed of Sinait town residents who have migrated to the US, had recently raised funds for the expansion of the Sinait District Hospital.

GMA is out of town on 'semi-private' time

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo went out of town yesterday but no one in the Palace is saying where she is exactly.

All her chief of staff, Michael Defensor, would say was that President Arroyo was having a "semi-private" time and that these engagements were with her.

"I cannot reveal for security reasons," Defensor said in response when asked of the whereabouts of the President, who had no schedule of any media coverage yesterday.

He said that Ms Arroyo left early in the morning yesterday.

Asked to confirm rumors that she was actually at Tubbataha Reef in Palawan to go diving, Defensor said he did not know.

He also couldn't say what time the President was expected back at the Palace.

But President Arroyo will be definitely back by today with her media schedule starting at 1 p.m. when she is to lead a roundtable discussion at Barangay Manggahan in Pasig City.

At 4 p.m. today she will be in Indang, Cavite to address the 79th Commencement Exercises of the Cavite State University.







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What were GMA's legal advisers doing?

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Korean shipyard project faces protest

SUBIC, ZAMBALES—The construction of what is deemed as the country's largest ship building facility here was met with protests by at least 200 families who are going to be displaced by the project.



WHERE ONCE A VILLAGE LAY

Mystery surrounds delay in start of STL in Pampanga

CANCER-CAUSING

Water district told to replace asbestos pipes

Farmers told: Clean boots mean good crops



Palace tells Baguio flyover foes to start lobby

Army says NPA lost 143 cadres last year



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Roundup

Runway repair urged

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Most campus crimes involve rape and fraternity-related violence

By Alcuin Papa

Fil-Am starts LIFE, vows to plant 1M trees



LIFE staff members teach barangay officials in Pandacan, Manila, how to use a compass and GPS for profiling.

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Aplus METRO
Editor: Ester G. Dipasupil



WATCHMEN found the bodies of Melchor Negal de Dios and an unidentified companion inside a car parked near the Ever Gotesco mall in Quezon City early yesterday morning.

What's Inside



Designer, pal found dead in car

Torture signs evident

By DJ Yap

THE BODIES OF A FASHION DEsigner and an unidentified companion were found inside a car parked near the Ever Gotesco Mall on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City early yesterday morning.

Melchor Negal de Dios, 38, and another man were discovered at 6:20 a.m. at the back portion of a silver Ford Lynx, according to police. The fashion designer, a first cousin of Angelito Negal de Dios, executive director of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Traffic Operations Center, was found with his head wrapped in a white plastic bag. A cord was also tied around his neck. The other victim's hands and feet were bound by a leather-like material, police said.

The cause of death was not immediately clear, but police said De Dios had several wounds on the head and bruises all over the body. His companion also sustained bruises. De Dios was lying on his belly at the back seat, while the other man was dumped on the floor, according to a report by investigator PO3 Leo Hilen Pasco. The unidentified victim was in his early 30s, between 5'6" and 5'8" in height, sporting a flat top haircut, and wore a black shirt and short denim pants, Pasco said.

Left behind

The sports utility vehicle (plate number WNG-958), owned by De Dios, was parked in the outer lane, fronting a hardware and furniture shop, before stall watchmen found the victims' bodies as they were making the rounds, Pasco said. Found at the scene were a bloodstained steel pipe, two kitchen knives and De Dios' identification card.

Quezon City police criminal investigation division chief Supt. Precopio Lipana said De Dios was last seen alive at 1:30 a.m. by his driver, whom he dropped off at Quezon Avenue. He had attended a seminar on fabric issues with other fashion designers in Makati City that night, Lipana added.

The victim's brother and sister identified De Dios after police called the emergency number on his ID. Angelito described his cousin as "a quiet, soft-spoken man with no vices."

Armed men nabbed after brief chase

Police suspect they are car thieves

More cases



BF gates controversy heats up

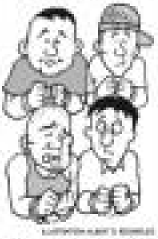
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Trader shot dead in QC

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First list of Gitmo detainees released

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KING Gyanendra of Nepal

The WORLD

Italy court says Prodi won

ROME—ITALY'S HIGHEST COURT UPHELD ON WEDNESDAY THE narrow victory of Romano Prodi in last week's elections, apparently ending Silvio Berlusconi's tenure as prime minister after five years—except that the mercurial Berlusconi still would not concede defeat.



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Rove's role diminished in revamp



ROVE

UN: Refugee system eroded by intolerance

SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres



Sparks edge Tortillos; Hapee wins

By Jasmine W. Payo

RJYET BAUTISTA CAUGHT FIRE DOWN THE stretch as the Toyota Sparks slipped past Granny Goose Tortillos, 68-67, in the PBL Unity Cup yesterday at the Olivarez College Sports Center in Parañaque.

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Open on despite PSC policy—GTK

DESPITE THE "NO LIQUIDATION, no financial support" policy, the Philippine Track and Field Association is pushing through with its national open on May 4-7 at the Rizal Memorial track oval.

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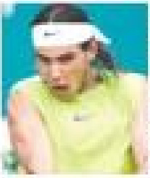
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By Joaquin M. Papa



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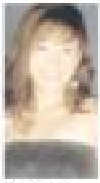
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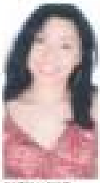


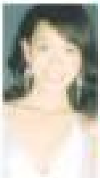
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Eva Longoria 'dressed to the 9' by Monique Lhuillier



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD
Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—EVA Longoria showed up at a recent press con literally dressed to the 9 by Filipino designer Monique Lhuillier.

Eva wore Monique's sparkling diamond-studded pendant in the shape of a 9—the jersey number of her boyfriend, San Antonio Spurs superstar Tony Parker.

That made the "Desperate Housewives" star to divulge why her French-speaking basketball player (born in Belgium, raised in France). "You know what? I am that girl," she admitted. "I am sure, is from. I'm really supportive and this was actually my Christmas gift (from Tony). It was designed by Monique Lhuillier. [The pendant] just looks like a 9 but it wasn't meant to (laughs)."

The actress, who is branching into movies via the political thriller "The Sentinel" with Michael Douglas and Kiefer Sutherland, even has been embellished with stars in

(diamonds). "People send me things," the petite beauty 5' 2" told former Miss Cosmo Gomez (Grand Slam), and, looking amused. "It's not like I want stardom from everything. It just happens to be — like when you say 'I love frogs' and all of a sudden, you have a closet full of frog paraphernalia, frog pencils and so on. It kind of spins out of control (laughs)."

'World's hottest'

After the press con, Eva told me, "I go to Monique a lot." Apparently she meant not just for clothes but the jewelry as well. Eva shared her excitement about the designer's line to buy from her jewelry.

In the interview, TV's Gabrielle was asked to confirm rumors that Tony, who has a French hip-hop album, has bought her an engagement ring as well. "No," she laughed, holding up ringless fingers before the assembled writers. She plays "Maxim magazine's No. 1 Hottest Woman in the World" in 2005 splits her time between San Antonio, Texas, where she watches Tony's home court games whenever she can, and Los Angeles.

Eva's first marriage in 2002, to soap opera actor Tyler Christopher, ended quickly. Of that union, she revealed, "We eloped and went to Vegas. We really didn't think it through. What it taught me was that marriage is a very serious institution that I wasn't ready for at that time. Hopefully, the next time it happens, it's going to be well thought out."

The 31-year-old Texas native seems to be carefully plotting her show biz career moves. "The Sentinel" will be followed by another movie outing, "Harsh Times," an indie drama with Christian Bale and Freddy Rodriguez. In the former, produced by Michael Douglas, she got the part of a secret service agent, thanks in large part to "Desperate Housewives."

"Michael, luckily, is a huge fan of my show," the actress explained. "He and Catherine watch it all the time so he knew my work. Michael knew from the beginning that I was a cowboy. That I'm a



"I WAS an ugly duckling," says Maxim magazine's "Hottest Woman."

great shot. He knew I grew up in Texas so he really believed that this character would be a perfect fit."

How great a shooter is she? "I

shoot better than 90 percent of the police officers in the country," she told me, laughing.

Guys, she is not joking. It turns out that diminutive Eva has been shooting guns since she was, believe it or not, 5 years old. Was she trained being taught by her dad to hunt and shoot at such an early age, I asked the plucky Texan. "It came naturally," she answered. "I was raised on a ranch. We would go target hunting and shooting all the time with my dad. We would shoot coffee cans, beer bottles and fence posts." And she made sure to add, "I'm obviously very educated on how to handle a gun. My dad did a great job of making us about gun safety and all of that."

Moral boundaries

On which character she identifies with more, the "sexpot" (her words) Gabrielle or pistol-packing service agent Jill in "The Sentinel," Eva replied, "Oh, God, they're completely different. Playing Jill is probably closer to me and who I am. She has moral boundaries. She's good with a gun. It's good with a gun (laughs). She's very adamant about not using her looks to move forward, which is the exact opposite of Gabrielle (laughs). I picked 'The Sentinel' because I wanted to venture out of 'Desperate Housewives' before people could only see me as Gabrielle."

"Desperate Housewives" fans, worry not. Eva is not leaving Wisteria Lane, at least not for now. She divulged that are one, how the Italian play her adopted Italian daughter. Lily on the hit series.

Since baby actors could be in-demand roles in Hollywood, after all, baby's a lot of actors and a lot of trophies plus the daughter of TV's sexiest vixen.

Eva herself likes to point out that she was not the sexiest baby in the world. "I was born the ugly duckling," she disclosed, a hint that she brings up in interviews because she knows it makes for good copy. "All my sisters are very light-skinned. They have hazel eyes and blonde hair. I was the first born dark so I was called *la prieta* by growing up, which means 'the ugly dark one.' My parents would say that to me."

Starved

"It taught me really early to develop a personality outside of beauty, a lot of other skills and to focus on my education. I didn't blossom until college, until I started doing the pageants. I think it was a by-product of being called ugly my whole life. I keep telling my mom she could have warned me but she didn't (laughs)."

But it was from the heart that she spoke of why she has been an active volunteer at the Special Olympics. Eva disclosed, "My oldest sister is mentally challenged. I grew up with her being the light and joy of our life. My mother became a special education teacher because of my sister. So we have been involved with the Special Olympics since I can remember.

"We were born into my sister's world so I knew nothing else. It wasn't as if all of a sudden, my life changed and I didn't get as much attention because that child needed more attention. It was always that way with us. The only world I knew is living with her, catering to her and supporting any causes that help the development of mentally challenged individuals. She's an amazing human being. I feel couldn't say my life any other way."





[illegible] Santos [illegible]

What 'Idol' clone?

From page A1

group of writers on Monday. "After this press con, we are proceeding to Kagayan."

The other finalists are [illegible] Santos, [illegible] Contina, [illegible] Gerald Santos, [illegible], winner in the United States.

Does your choice of songs for the competition affect your chances of winning?

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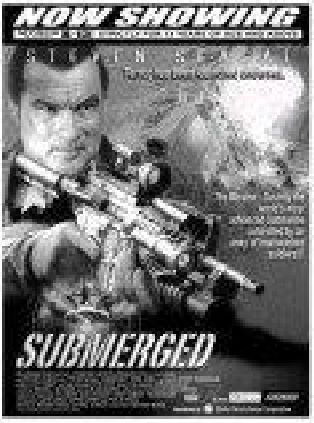
What has been the most notable comment you got from the judges?

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GERALD Santos









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1 BASIC INSTINCT 2 - THX
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5 D' LUCKY ONES
6 EIGHT BELOW
7 THE HILLS HAVE EYES
8 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
9 ICE AGE 2
10 MOMENTS OF LOVE

ERMITA

1 ICE AGE 2
2 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
3 AMERICAN SOLDIER / BASIC INSTINCT 2
4 PANAGHOY
5 SUBMERGED
6 EIGHT BELOW
7 D' LUCKY ONES

METRO EAST

1 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
2 ICE AGE 2
3 D' LUCKY ONES
4 BASIC INSTINCT 2
5 THE HILLS HAVE EYES
6 MOMENTS OF LOVE
7 EIGHT BELOW
8 PANAGHOY

NOVALICHES

1 D' LUCKY ONES
2 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
3 EIGHT BELOW
4 PANAGHOY
5 BASIC INSTINCT 2

CITISQUARE MALABON

1 MOMENTS OF LOVE
2 D' LUCKY ONES
3 RESERVE
4 RESERVE

PIONEER

1 SUBMERGED
2 EIGHT BELOW
3 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
4 D' LUCKY ONES



STA. ROSA

1 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
2 EIGHT BELOW
3 PANAGHOY
4 D' LUCKY ONES

LIPA

1 EIGHT BELOW
2 PANAGHOY
3 NANNY MCPHEE
4 D' LUCKY ONES
5 THE HILLS HAVE EYES

DASMARINAS

1 EIGHT BELOW
2 BASIC INSTINCT 2
3 PANAGHOY
4 D' LUCKY ONES
5 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE

ANGELES

1 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
2 PANAGHOY
3 D' LUCKY ONES
4 EIGHT BELOW

IMUS

1 PANAGHOY
2 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
3 EIGHT BELOW
4 D' LUCKY ONES

STARMILLS

1 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
2 D' LUCKY ONES
3 PANAGHOY
4 BASIC INSTINCT 2
5 JUST FRIENDS
6 EIGHT BELOW

BACOLOD

1 EIGHT BELOW
2 D' LUCKY ONES
3 ULTRAVIOLET
4 THE HILLS HAVE EYES
5 HOUSE OF FURY
6 ICE AGE 2

ILOILO

1 ULTRAVIOLET
2 D' LUCKY ONES
3 PANAGHOY
4 EIGHT BELOW
5 SHE'S THE MAN
6 NANNY MCPHEE



Cel

WE CAUGHT A PREVIOUS ... "Shall We Dance" ...

'Ice Age 2'

'Tips'

Mon: Pinoy in London

Truly Kapampangan

[Cel]ebrity dancers go beyond their comfort zones



[illegible]

Backroom caravan

[illegible]

Feedback

FROM ESCA R. Marad: "Last March 25, I viewed "Moments of Love" in Cinema 3 at Gateway Galleria. The theater did not [play] the Philippine National Anthem. Isn't this required?"

Aliwan Fiesta

THE MANILA Broadcasting Co., together with the cities of Manila and Pasay and the Cultural Center of the Philippines, is staging "Aliwan Fiesta 2006," [illegible] April 27 to 29. Thousands of cultural dance performers from all over the country will participate [illegible]

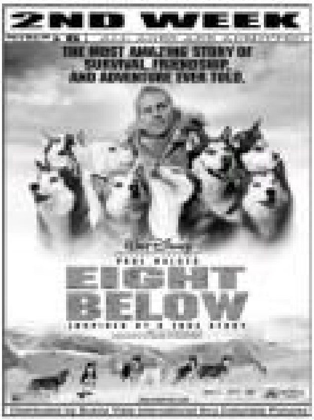
A grand parade will kick off the [illegible] activities on April 29 [illegible]

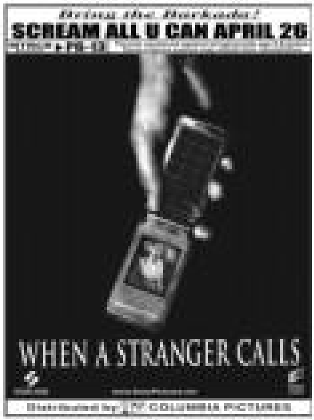
'The Sentinel'

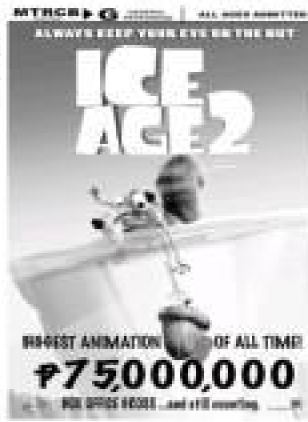
[illegible] Michael Douglas, Kim Basinger and Eva Longoria in "The Sentinel," [illegible]





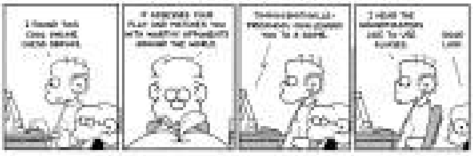








FOXTROT BY BILL AMEND



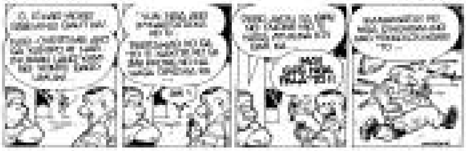
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MARVIN BY TOM ARMSTRONG



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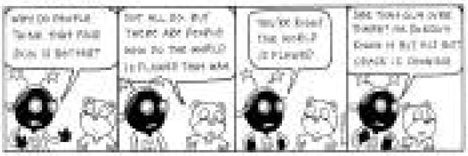


BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT



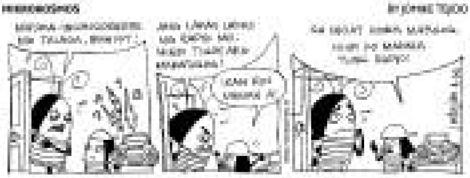
MUTTS BY PATRICK MCDONNELL





DIVINE COMEDY





Horoscope

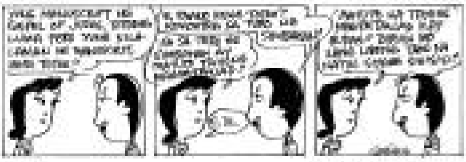
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Daily Crossword

KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA





TULDOK



Cesare for Writers' Night @ Conspiracy: 'Minimalism is for wimps'

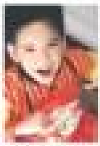


CESARE Syjuco

Tonight

Tomorrow

April 23



BJ "Tolits" Forbes

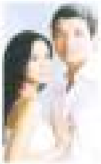
April 24

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ENTERTAINMENT

Miriam Quiambao, minus the hubby

RUSHES



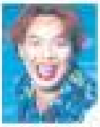
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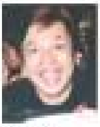
Black Saturday, sun the day

He wore a veil



MIRIAM Quiambao: Snapshots of a Holy Week break, solo.

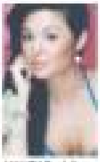




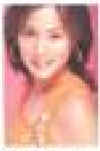
Baby due in May

All about bodies

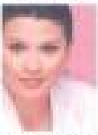
Favorite ex-husband



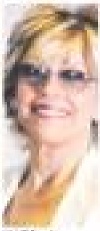
NANCY Castiglione for hip hop/aerobics.



REEMA Chanco for cardio boxing.



MYLENE Dizon for belly dancing.



JANE Fonda, formerly Turner



"THAT's So Raven" on Disney Channel

Slade back on 'Titans'

KID FIT

BUSINESS

Q1 budget gap lower than expected

Strong revenue collection offset high spending in first 3 months

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET DEFICIT STOOD lower than what was programmed for the first quarter of the year, hitting only P67.6 billion compared with the expected P71.8-billion ceiling on account of strong revenue collection.



CURRENCIES

STOCK MARKET



Shares close 0.86% higher

World oil rates to stay volatile, warns IMF

OIL PRICES ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN high and volatile in the near future, weighing down on capital and exchange rates in oil-importing countries like the Philippines, an International Monetary Fund report warned.

But over the longer term, consumer countries may learn to cope with oil shocks much better, depending on the government's policies and on the viability of alternative technologies.

"Many alternative energy sources that

Ginebra income sinks to ₱368M

SMC hard liquor unit hit hard by rising costs, weak demand

SMC to list $300M in hybrid securities

Jollibee reorganizes

World ...

Adultery 101

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

Araneta contests court order on disputed estate

Shares close . . .



Corporate bond offerings seen increasing

Sugar prices stabilizing

Gov't moves to develop, boost capital market

Cement makers seek shield



CEMAP wants cement manufacturing to be recognized as a strategic industry.

Round-up

UPCG investment unit sold

BPI profit up 37%

Q1 budget gap

Potential disaster in World Trade Organization

COMMENTARY

April 19-21 negotiations

Common stand

Cocktales

Money-go-round

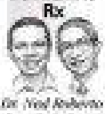
Heard through the grapevine

BUSINESS *Friday*

Old favorites in franchise awards

Lessons from Young Market Masters Awardees—II

MARKETING Rx



Dr. Ned Roberto & Andy Roberto

BUSINESS



Some foreign banks violate agri-agra lending rule

Branch network seen too limited



LifeStyle

FASHION



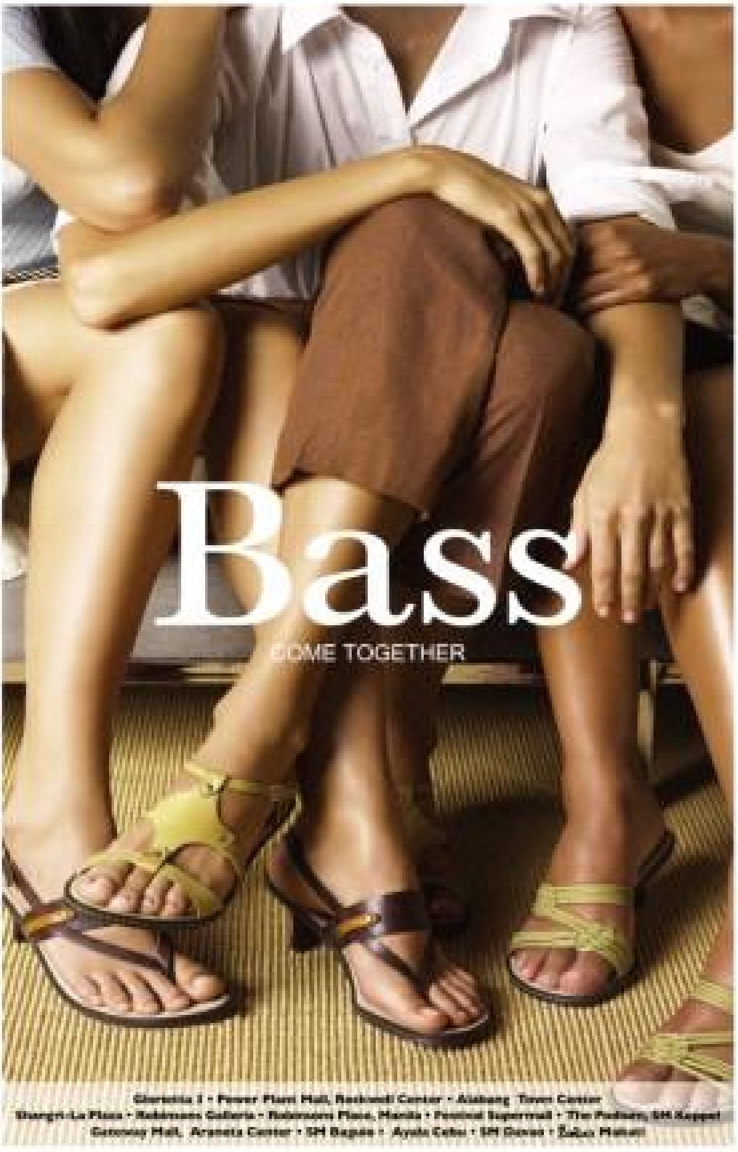
BROWN AND BRONZE python bag (P999), brown crocodile slipons (P1,099), plaited assorted multi-strand necklace (P799 each), white and blue pearl bracelet (P299)

Wet and wild ... and white

TAKING INSPIRATION FROM the classic Celso Ad Castillo movie, "Ang Pinakamagandang Hayop sa Balat ng Lupa," Wade's current campaign adds just the right touch of tropical drama to an already sizzling season. It resurrects the controversial white kamison and the "wet look" that were the fashion statement from steamy scenes of Tagalog movies from the 1970s.



BLACK woven leather handbag (P999), Arabic-strand beaded necklace (P799)



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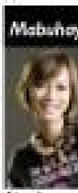


Call it The Power of Two—with Broadway darling Lea Salonga and new image model Danielle Cojuangco, Bayo puts the spotlight on The Great Filipina





Tea for two

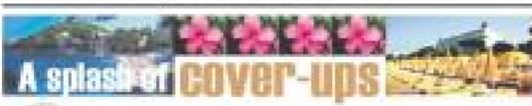


Mabuhay!

Jenni Eggerson



BAYO image models Lea Salonga and Danielle Cojuangco



A splash of cover-ups





Apples' Pickings

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani



Wet and wild and white





The long and short of it





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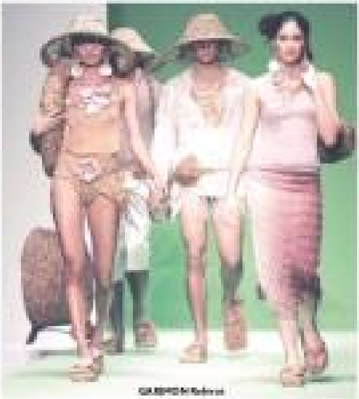
THE BEST AND THE WORST OF PHILIPPINE FASHION WEEK


JUN Escario


MICH Dulce


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TIPPI Ocampo


[illegible] Bolivar

Fashion smorgasbord

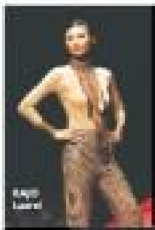
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AFTER A CATASTROPHIC FIRST NIGHT, THE recently concluded Philippine Fashion Week was somewhat able to regain its shaky footing on Day 2 as it presented clothes from a smorgasbord of designers grouped under "New Generation."

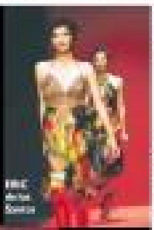
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Playing safe

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RAJO Laurel


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ERIC delos Santos

Faux luxe


KENNETH Chua

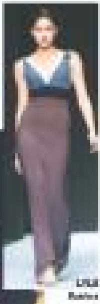
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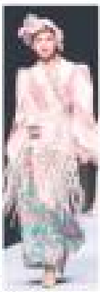
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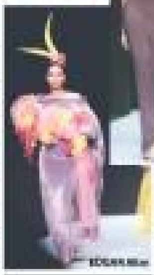
Surprise me not

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STEVE de Leon

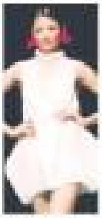

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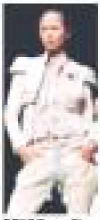

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Indignation

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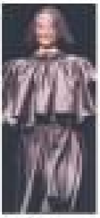
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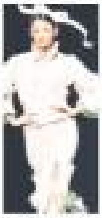

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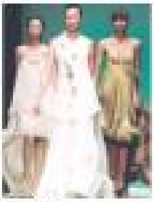

YVONNE Quisumbing-Romualdez


JAMES Reyes


LOUIS Claparols


JOEY Samson

Overwrought but interesting


LIZ Panuelos


JOHN Herrera


MEL Vergel de Dios

Spillovers

The Young Designers Guild's pocket collections were proof that, indeed, there is hope for Philippine fashion design

All-white



Memoirs of a makeover





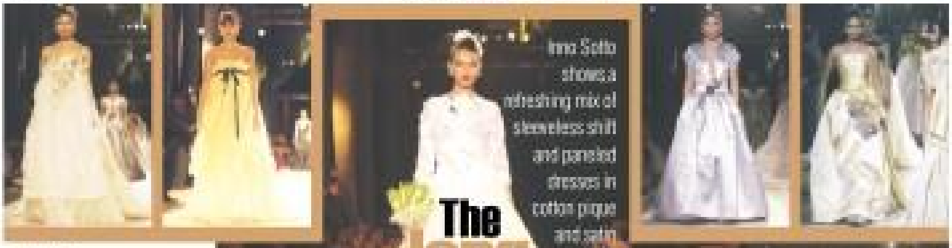


Prima donna

Prince Charming

The assignment to write about me, myself and my transformation into a fashion princess, complete with Derek Ramsey as a date

Comfort zone









The long and short of it

Inno Sotto shows a refreshing mix of sleeveless shift and paneled dresses in cotton pique and satin

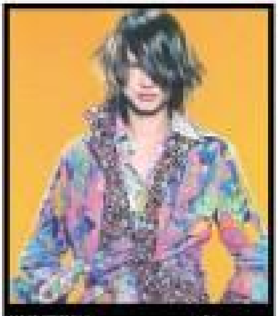
WITHOUT A DOUBT, fashion designer Inno Sotto remains at the top of his game. But like many successful and prolific artists, he may slowly become a victim of his own success.



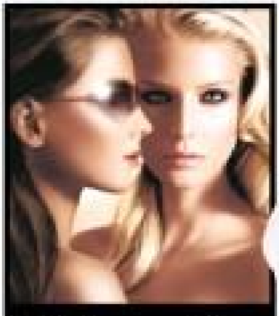
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LIFESTYLE

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HAIR THINGS



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PRODUCT BAZAAR





REAL DAYDREAM





TECHNO NATURE

GOTHIC LUXURY

WORLD FUSION

Classy cuts, edgy colors

The predominant hues for Wella's Trend Vision 2006 are violets and pinks, in varying degrees of intensity

A NICE HAIRCUT ALONE just doesn't cut it anymore, if British master stylist Beverly C is to be believed.





"REAL Daydream"



"TECHNO Nature" by Cherry Reyes



A VARIATION of "Techno Nature"

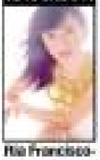


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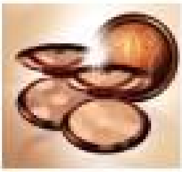
Get that gorgeous tan

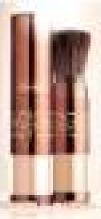
AS IF WE GIRLS DIDN'T have enough beauty concerns, summer adds yet another set of beauty rituals and musts. I should know. I literally got burnt!

Knockout!



Ria Francisco-Prieto





TERRACOTTA Light Sheer Bronzing Powder

TERRACOTTA Pearly Brush Sublime Shimmering Powder



MODELS

Post-Holy Week skincare bargain finds

MAKEOVER 911

Kitty Salas



THE HOLY WEEK is supposed to be a time for reflection and prayer. That shouldn't cost a lot, but everyone goes out of town and we all know how that racks up quite a bill. My aim in this column is to look for great bargains and special sales after the cash-heavy Holy Week.

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Soaps

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HYPE whitening lotion



L'OCCITANE Green Tea with mint candle



GARDEN Secrets Papaya soaps

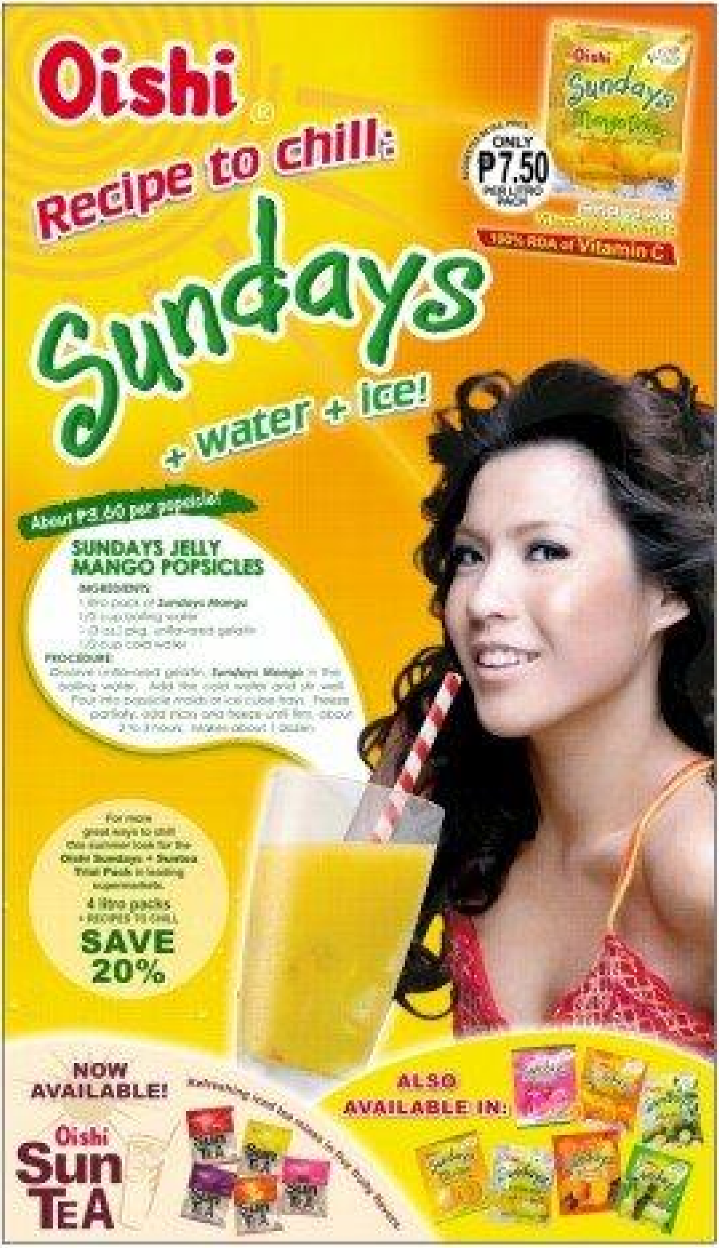


EUPHORIA body scrub



L'OREAL White Perfect SPF 15 for body

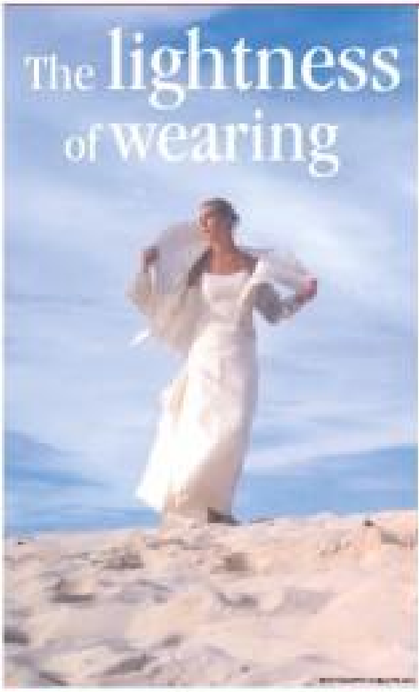
Get that gorgeous tan





LifeStyle

The lightness of wearing



WEAR SOMETHING EASY, something light and something white that "breathes" this season as you temporarily leave the urban jungle and head for clear blue waters, velvety white sands and light ocean breeze.

In her latest collection of [illegible] wraps, Dita Sandico-Ong gives the [illegible] a new shape that is organic, chic and ultra-modern. The fabric's ability to breathe, a quality for which it is known, is retained.

The "label" wrap comes in pearl, cream and ecru and is accented with pale silver and gold threads that add subtle sheen to the weave.

An ideal summer accessory, it can go over a beach cover-up for a bikini, or formal, draped over an [illegible] gown. Creating the [illegible] of easy elegance [illegible].

The designer's latest collection may be viewed at her shop at [illegible] St., Greenhills, and at Rustan's Makati and Rustan's Shangri-La [illegible]. Call [illegible].









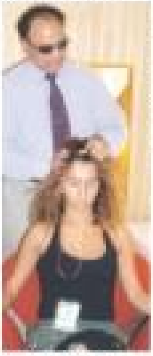
Enjoying the skin trade in Barcelona

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache









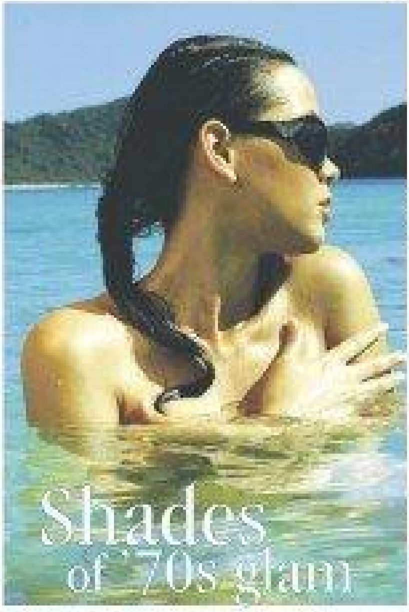




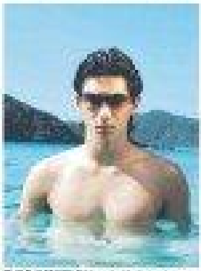







Shades
of '70s glam

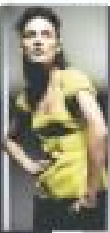








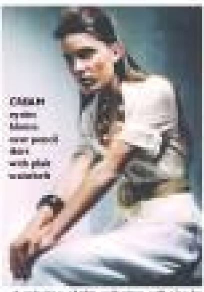






Collection that's both classic and contemporary





Sleek, confident shades







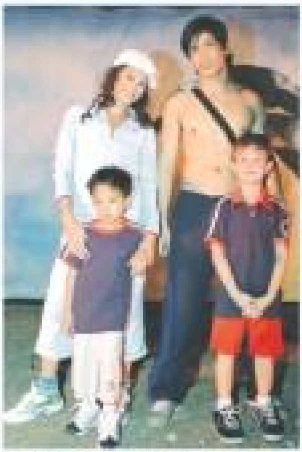








Art and color in sports fashion









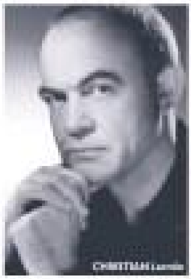








Lacroix up close



CHRISTIAN Lacroix

Until May 4, couture pieces by the famed French designer are on exhibit at the Ayala Museum




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CHRISTIAN LACROIX MADE HIS renown with the pompous splendor of his designs, couture highly wrought with trimmings that hinted at hundreds of bleeding, calloused-finger hours and, possibly, even eyesight loss.

Until May 4, Filipinos are afforded a rare chance to witness up close Lacroix's body of work in an exhibit of 52 couture pieces from the Frenchman's private collection.

"Christian Lacroix Dialogues" is a joint effort of the Alliance Française de Manille, the French embassy, the Association Française d'Action Artistique and the Ayala Museum, as part of "French Spring in Manila 2006."

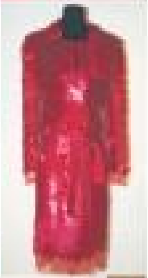
"French Spring" is primarily a showcase of contemporary French art, and is now on its eighth year in Manila.

The Lacroix exhibit covers 17 years of the designer's work, beginning from the mid-'80s when he debuted the first collection for his eponymous fashion house.

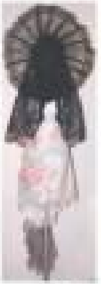
"Dialogues" was first shown in Lacroix's native France before touring China and Thailand. Ayala Museum is the third leg of its world tour before it makes the last leave [illegible].

Yves Sabourin, the exhibit's curator, said the display is customized to correspond with the sensibilities and traditions of each host country on their tour, a [illegible] of pieces with striking Spanish influences was set up to look like a religious altar. Two gowns, rather carefully are laid out on black, tomb-like platforms on opposite ends, one a red-bodied [illegible] black lace confection. "Sleeping beauties," Sabourin called them. Religious motifs, like crucifixes, appear throughout some of the other garments.

Several interesting works by other artists, some from Lacroix's own collection, are also incorporated with the display, [illegible] the influences of the designer, an art history graduate who had worked at Hermès and Jean Patou at the start of his career and, until last year, was artistic director of the Florentine fashion house Emilio Pucci.



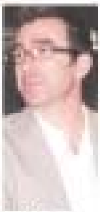


Though some of his more iconic bridal designs for celebrity clients (notably pop star Christina Aguilera who wore a Lacroix to her wedding last year) are not included in the exhibit, there are, in fact, several highly ornate bridal pieces, like a blue satin-belted cloud of tulle with a matching mid-century [illegible] headpiece. Another is a heavily beaded black garment. It's a bridal gown, Sabourin assured.

Several footwear and accessories are also on display, including some of his corsets. Madonna famously donned Lacroix's corsets in her "Reinvention World Tour" in 2004.

The delicate garments are strictly hands-off to museum-goers, though Sabourin said they are intentionally not glass encased, to allow a more intimate experience of the fashion artist that is Lacroix.

Call the Ayala Museum at [illegible] for the schedule of guided tours.



YVES Sabourin




Fab five of F.A.M.E.

MANILA F.A.M.E. INTERNATIONAL SHOWcases contemporary home furnishings, houseware, holiday décor and fashion accessories designed by five of the country's [illegible] April 19-22. Featured are [illegible] (home furnishings), [illegible] (holiday décor), [illegible] (fashion accessories), and [illegible] for "Evolution." Organized by the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (Citem), the export promotions agency of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the exhibits will be at the World Trade Center, Philippine Trade Training Center, East Pavilion and the Fiesta and Reception Hall of Philippine International Convention Center. The public is invited [illegible] April 22. Admission fee is P100. No children below 12 years old. Call [illegible], fax [illegible], e-mail [illegible] or visit [illegible].

FESTIVAL. [illegible] City Sta. Rosa, with the Laguna Provincial Tourism Office and the Sta. Rosa Tourism Office, presents the celebration of the Pandan Festival of Laguna on April 29. The month-long festivities include Street Dancing (April 29), Pandan Fashion Show (April 29), Miss Laguna competition (talent competition on April 28, crowning of the new Miss Laguna on April 30), Miss Laguna Face Model Search (April 21), and the Sta. Rosa [illegible] with street dancing and spectacular fireworks display on April 30.

FINDERS FRUN. The 2006 [illegible] will be held [illegible] April 23. Covering a distance of [illegible] kilometers, the tour will [illegible] Diliman, [illegible] Sto. Domingo, [illegible] Makati Avenue, [illegible] Makati [illegible] Bridge, [illegible].

BABY FAIR. [illegible] Department Store presents "Baby Fair," [illegible] for parents and babies until April 30. [illegible]

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